THE Present State OF CAROLINA WITH Advice to the Setlers.

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THE Preſent State OF CAROLINA, &c.

CAROLINA is part of the Main in *America*, and ſo much celebrated by Mounſier *Laudonere*, that he entitles it *Florida*, becauſe of her florid, aud fragrant fields, imbelliſh't with flowers, that perfume the air: whoſe ſweet ſcituations, by reaſon of moſt delicious and pleaſant meadows (and flouriſhing ſavana's) adorns the Continent; and whoſe benevolent breſt ſends daily ſupplies to the planter, and hourly relief to the poor and neceſſitous native: whoſe ſpacious arms (as if circulating the Ocean) proclaims her ſhores ſanctuary to diſtreſſed Marriners; and a generous protection to deplorable Seamen, that ſolicit refreſhment from her repleniſh't Harbours, which extend themſelves ſouthward to the River *St.*

Matheo, in twenty nine degrees, odd minutes, so dilates to *Luck Island*, near *Roanak* on the promontories of *Virginia*, in thirty six degrees north latitude (now called *Albemarle*) a large and spacious settlement, consisting of some two or three thousand inhabitants; upon a fertil Soil, and a rapid River, whose Bar by reason its so streight and shallow, a Vessel of considerable port and burden is deny'd admittance into the bowel of the Collony.

But the late and flourishing settlement lies yet more southerly, in and about thirty two degrees, odd minutes; parallel with *Jerusalem* in *Palestine*: and equals the height of *Bermudos*, upon the navigable Rivers of *Cooper*, and *Ashley*, formerly known by the names of *Wando*, and *Kiawah*. And there is a Bar also, tho undeservedly calumniated by prejudicate persons, who would if possible unhinge the settlement when because to emulate and envy their Neighbours prosperity. But to clear that Objection, this Bar has several Channels, and the deepest at low water is eighteen foot; and the shalloweſt about eleaven, and twelve foot; which is depth enough for any navigating Vessel of three or four hundred tun; since at high water the tide swells to six and eight foot perpendicular.

This is that famous CAROLINA, which his Majesty the King of *Great Brittain* has united to his Emperial Crown; & by his Royal Grant established it a Province; and has dignified it a Principality: which by consent amongst the Lords is transferr'd to the eldest Proprietor. But the Proprietors are eight in number, and their Names and Titles as followeth. *Lord Chancellor Clarendon, Lord Duke Albemarle,*

Earl

Earl of *Craven*, *Lord Anthony Aſhley Cooper Earl* of *Shaftsbury*, *Lord John Berkly*, *Sr George Carteret*, *Sr William Berkly*, and *Sr John Colleton Knight and Baronet*. Theſe are the Lords Proprietors, whoſe Laws and Government (becauſe to proceed in my deſcription) is ſuſpended till farther Opportunity preſents to uſher them in.

So that now to deſcribe the preſent ſtrength of the ſouthern ſettlement of the *flouriſhing Carolina* (by modeſt computation) we calculate their Artillery to fourteen, or fifteen hundred reſolute, and gallant fighting men; under excellent conduct, and diſcipline; as well arm'd as moſt men, & as well as any Colony provided with Amunition. Their Women alſo are healthful, and fruitful; and their Children generally beautiful, and ſtrong. Nor have we hitherto conſidered the Negro Slaves, whoſe labour proclaims the Setlers plenty; and whoſe ſervice doubles their ſecurity, if provided a Foreigner ſhould attempt to invade them. Moreover it enervates the feminine Native, if at any time he conſpires againſt the Inhabitant, who can never be inſenſible of the natural antipathy the *Native*, and the *Negro* has one againſt another; which the rather confirms the Setlers ſecurity.

Moreover, the Heavens ſhine upon this famous Country the ſoveraign Ray of health; and has bleſt it with a ſerene Air, and a lofty Skie, that defends it from noxious Infection; nor is there any known Diſtemper incident to the inhabitant whereby to terrify, and affright him; who for the moſt part lives by the law of plenty, extended to the utmoſt limits of ſanity: This bleſſing one would think was encouragement enough; when if barely to contemplate the conſideration

of health. But Heaven, that alwaies attends our mortal felicity, directs to ſtars more propicious; pointing out to us the beaten path of the Patriarchs, and led on by a glorious view of the Apoſtles, makes ſhine the blazing torch of the Goſpel; whereby to promote the unity and harmony of piety in Religion, that Vertue may grow up into divine practice, and the purity of every pious profeſſion bloſſom, and flouriſh to the utmoſt ends of the ſettlement in *Carolina*.

Now for as much as the motives of health and riches are inducements ſtrong enough to ſummons people from the ends of the earth; who ſo ridiculous to repute them vain and unprofitable Arguments to encourage the people of *Europe*, ſince from divers Inland Towns (and various Ports of *England*) ſeveral Natives, and Forreigners have directed their courſe by proſperous Stars to the florid, and flouriſhing Fields in *Carolina*.

So in *America* (to my own obſervation) ſeveral Families have tranſported themſelves from the ports of *Barbados*; but what from the reſt of the *Caribes*, I know not: yet am credibly inform'd (and from very good hands) that divers are gone, and going from thence: as alſo from *New-Providence*, *Bermudos*, *New-York*, *New-Jerſey*, *New-England*, *Long-Iſland*, *De-la-ware*, *Maryland*, and *Virginia*; but great numbers from *Scotland*, and ſeveral from the borders of *Ireland*: beſides divers good Ships, with ſome eminent Families that are lately gone off from the Kingdom of *England*; of whom we have an accompt of their ſafe arrival in *Carolina*, bleſt with a proſperous Paſſage. But the hopeful progreſs of this flouriſhing Country invights ſome Northern *Americans* to emulate

emulate ſuch ſacred ſanctuary as without ſacrilidge is tolerated to people of tender Conſcience. Moreover, its a ſalubrous Air to the ſick, and diſeaſed; and a generous retrivement to neceſſitous, and abject Families; as alſo the aſſurance of ſuch as ſtudy to be rich. Engins ſtrong enough one would think to induce mankind to hope the proſperity of this famous Settlement.

But the ſettlement of *Albemarle* (otherwiſe called *Roanoak*) preſents firſt to our view; and is the oldeſt, and remoteſt northern County in the fair Province of *Carolina*; ſcituated about thirty five degrees, and odd minutes north latitude: from whoſe repleniſhed Meadows (as alſo from the more ſouthern inhabitants) as good Beef, and Pork is ſaved, and ſent off to *Barbados*, and other the *Caribe* Iſlands; as art and induſtry can husband.

Now *Aſhley* County is yet more ſouthward, and lies ſcituated thirty two degrees, forty five minutes; where the Setlers and Inhabitants toil not in ſummer to accommodate themſelves with winter's proviſion: becauſe hitherto they have conſidered it uſeleſs, and altogether unneceſſary for the Planter to employ his hands, and ſtrength, where Nature ſo liberally ſtocks them with Herbage: & the winter, becauſe ſo ſoftened with a moderate Air, repreſents it much of the caſt and temperament with our *March* in *England*; and that's as much as to conſider it the relique only of a milde, and ſhort winter; or rather the ſurprizal of an approaching ſpring, that breathes forth to iniciate the ſummer: which if barely to contemplate, reanimates the vital ſences; and ſolidly to poſſeſs, refreſhes both Native and Inhabitant. And here it

in that their Ships are built, and dreſt up by *Bermudian* hands, the moſt approved Mariners; and a general error if not the beſt navigating Ships in *America*.

And now by way of Advice; the firſt thing requiſit and neceſſary for the ſetler to embrace, is to fall Timber, and to clear the Ground (which is reaſonably undertaken, as by an *Advertiſement* in the laſt Paragraph) as ſome already have done, and planted Potatos, the Caſſaida Root, Yams, Eddies, Carrots, Cabbidges, Onyons, Turnips, Parſnips, Shelots, (but they grow naturally there) Colleflowers, Artichokes, Musk-Melons, and Water-Melons; beſides Wormwood, Nep, Scurvy-graſs, Rue, Meadſweet, Trefoil, Cinquefoil, Elecampane (Annis, Cububs, and Cardamome Seeds) Radiſhes, and Horſe-Radiſhes, Mellelot, Angellica, Arch-Angel, Roſemary, Thime, Lettice, Spinage, Sweetmarjarum, Sommer & Winterſavory, Endive, Succory, Hopps, Water Creſſes, Cena, & China Root, with other Druggs, & Saxafrage, Saſſafras, and Saſſaperrilla: beſides divers other Vegetables without number: & Licoris beyond diſpute muſt of neceſſity thrive admirably well there; for in many places its a moiſt bottom, and an open ground, becauſe lying ſo near the Springs, and in a gravelly ſoil, little or nothing differing from *Worſhop* in *Nottinghamſhire*; where they dig up the beſt Licoris in *England*.

Moreover, all ſorts of *Engliſh* Grane, as Wheat, Rye, Barley, Peas, Beans, Oates, Lentills, Fitches, and *Indian* Corn, with other *European* and *American* Roots, and Plants; which *Carolina* beyond diſpute with ſmall induſtry will produce as large, and as good as the World has. For you are to conſider, what by Art, and the Law of Neceſſity we compel to grow

grow in a cold climate; nature of her ſelf protrudes, and thruſts forth there; becauſe of the ſovereign warmth from this generous latitude. Nor is the heat at any time ſo predominant whereby to ſuffocate the air with intemperance, becauſe deſtinated under the temperate Zone, which partakes neither of the Extreams of the one, or the other; and which alſo invights every thing to vegetate with admirable ſucceſs.

The next thing worthy our conſideration, is their plentiful Eating; becauſe having their accomodation very cheap within themſelves; where Beef two years ſince was ſold at twelve ſhillings a hundred, and Pork at the rate of ſixteen: ſo that Cattel (you may read) begins to be plentiful, and Hoggs of a prodigious encreaſe. There is a Gentleman, one Mr. *Andrew Percival*, the now preſent Agent to the *Earl* of *Shaftsbury* (I know the *Gentleman* very well) who by his own induſtry (Providence guiding) has raiſed and advanced from One Hundred Head of Cattel, to more than One Thouſand, in leſs than ſeven years; and moſt of thoſe Cattel very fair, and large-headed Beaſts, now grazing up and down in beautiful Savana's; little or nothing inferiour to our *Engliſh* Meadows. Yet beſides Mr. *Percival*, there are ſeveral other induſtrous Setlers, and Planters, that proſper very well; though not having by much ſo large, and ſo conſiderable a ſtock to begin with.

Moreover, there are Barrows (which by reaſon of the ſuperabundant plenty of Maſt, and Roots in thoſe parts) that ſome have weighed three, and four hundred weight a piece; and ſuch had the *Lady Yeomans*, as I am credibly informed

formed; who had Four Hundred Hoggs in a Herd, and Five Hundred Turkies in a drove; besides Dunghil Fouls too numerous to relate without suspition. And which Plantation of hers, consisting of one thousand five hundred Acres, was by the industry of one Mr. *James Moore* (an *English* Gentleman) cleared from Charge in some three years time; and with the natural produce of the Country only: which amplifies the great fertility of the soil, that together with the encrease of Beef, and Pork, which if well saved, and sent off to other Parts (as some has already been sent to *Barbados*) must of necessity bring in considerable Profit.

So that now since the arrival of Captain *Dunbar* (dispatch't from *England* with Passengers in the *Richmond Frigot*) the Vineroons and Inhabitants there busie themselves very much about planting of Vineyards, to make Wine; and dressing of Oliveyards, to get Oyl. But some go upon Cotten, and other some propound to go upon Silk, because having the Mulberry Tree in every angle of the Province: and upon Tobacco, some already have made their attempts, with admirable success; for upon due examination, its little or nothing inferiour to *Virginia*. Hempseed, and Flax also has been sowed, and yields admirable produce; which greatly encourages the Manufacture for Linnen, as also for Sail-cloth and Cordidge.

Upon Honey some have strong inclinations, when because having such variety of Flowers (and Blossoms) that invights to accommodate the Laborous Bee; where, as by experience, they become so prolifick, as frequently to swarm four times in a year; and such was the encrease from one single

ſingle Hive, brought over from *Bermudos* (*the Half of them were loſt at Sea*) that within leſs than two full years, Captain *Morris Matthews* (*an induſtrous Gentleman, who mannages Lieutenant Collonel* James Colleton's *Plantation*) had a produce of more than Ten Hives; beſides a *Preſentation* made to the *Governour* and others.

Now ſome are thinking to intangle themſelves with the conſideration of Rape, and Linſeed for Oyl: but the *Indian-Natives* get a ſweet Oyl out of the *Hickery Nutt*, which is much of the nature of our *Engliſh Walnutt*; but not ſo racy, nor the Kernel ſo plump, and pleaſant; and this Oyl they ſell for Beads and Trifles of little or no value: which Oyl may be much more improved, and ſubſtituted in lieu of *Oyl Olives*. So that the ſtaple Commodities of *Carolina* will be *Wine*, *Oyl*, *Silk*, *Hides*, *Wool*, *Tallow*, *Honey*, *Bees-wax*, *Tobacco*, *Hemp*, *Flax*, *Linning* and *Woolling Cloth*; *Pitch*, *Tar*, *Cordidge*, and *Maſts for Shipping*: beſides an additional Manufacture is that of the *Camlet Gate*, intended thither by the Right Honourable the *Earl of* SHAFTSBVRY, as a new Encouragement to animate the people to Induſtry.

Here are very tall, large, and ſtrait Timber-Trees (*the World has not better*) and ſuch is the *Aſh*; the *White*, the *Red*, and the *Live Oak*: but the *Cyprus Tree* grows to an amazing bigneſs; as alſo the *Walnutt*, and *Hickery* or *American Walnutt*, already expreſt. Here alſo are ſtately and tall *Cedars*, both White, and Red, that cover the Earth. And the *Pine*, with the *Aſp*, and *Poplar*, that grow to an incredible magnitude: beſides ſeveral other *Timber Trees*, that I cannot at preſent

present remember. There is also the *Birch*, the *Beech*, the *Willow*, the *Sallow*, the *Alder*, the *Elm*, the *Sicamore*, the *Mulberry*, and the *Figg Tree*; but they grow every where: and the *Malegatoon*, & *Peach* is common, without Cultivation; yet no better Stone Fruit is observed in *Europe*, than what naturally grows wild in *America*. *Vines* also spread themselves to inamour the Trees in every Wood: and *Strawberries* strew themselves in every Field. But *Violets*, I had almost forgot them, because the Inhabitants depress them, by treading them under foot; yet they, with various other Flowers, perfume the Air. And *Roses*, they sprout up so plentifully in every Plantation, that the Planters themselves are thinking therewith to make Fences. And where all other Roots and Fruit Trees thrive to a Miracle; as the *Orange Tree*, *Lemon Trees*, and *China Orange Trees*, *Quince Trees*, *Cherry Trees*, *Apple Trees*, *Pear Trees*, *and* Prickle Pears, that bear twice a year. Then there's the *Almond*, lately sent over to plant; and *Tamerinds*, *Eldern*, *Gooseberries*, *Curran Trees*, *Rasberries*, Pome-*Citrons*, Pome-*Granats*; and some say *Plantins*, and *Bonano's*. Certainly this Climate is destinated to solace the Native *American*, and with the Blessings of Heaven to refresh the solicitous *European*.

But it may be some will expect a Collection or Breviary of those *Indian Kings* on the Main of *America*; meaning such Nations as are most Considerable (and border upon the *English* Settlements) which I shall readily impart unto them, as far as my Observation and Information directs to: but the Extent of the Province of *Carolina*, from *Luck Island* northward, to *St. Matheo* southward, is Seven or Eight Degrees:

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and in that space there are many small Nations remote from the Settlements, of which no account hitherto hath reached us. However, I'le first begin with *Albemarle* River, that lies in *Roanoak*, and is the extream Northern Settlement in *Carolina*; upon which head of the River the *Tuscarories* dwell; and he's a *Sagamore*, or great Emperor of many Kings. But towards *May* River (and *St Matheo*) were the *Westoe's*, a potent and war-like people, whose Kings are called *Paracousa's*, and *Waramanses*: but the Native *Indians* inhabiting in & near to the present Settlements have only *Cockawases*, and are an effeminate people, and inconsiderable as to number. A Person of Honour that has travelled amongst them, musters them up but to seven, or eight Nations, and of several & different Languages; supine, and of a soft Nature; yet of good natural Parts, when to consider their salvage Education, and the little advantages they have of Conversation: a broken uncultired, and unpolish't People in Government; and such as formerly were chased from the Mountains, and compelled to seek sanctuary in solitary Places; nor does any Nation amongst them exceed Fifty Bowmen, as by the following Account.

The *Santeahs*, which inhabit northward upon the rapid River *Santee*; they muster but thirty Bowmen. And the *Itawans* upon *Cooper* River, formerly known by the Name of *Wando*; they consist but of twenty Bowmen. Next to them are the *Kiawahs*, that dwell upon the skirts of *Ashley* River; they reckon themselves but forty Bowmen. More southward to them are the *Stonoes*, upon the River *Stonoh*, adjoyning to *Edisto*; which muster but sixteen Bowmen.

And those upon *Edisto* to southward, they seldom or never exceed ten Bowmen. But the *Cussо's* to the southward of them, and planted upon *Ishepoo* (now called *Colleton* River) are the greatest Nation hereabout: yet they report of themselves to be, but not to exceed fifty Bowmen. Then there's the *Helena's*, and they are a Nation yet more southerly, that border upon the Banks of the Navigable River, *St Helena*; under conduct of a *Warrawansaw*. And these Warriers by computation are but thirty Bowmen, and no more. (In all) Two Hundred and Fourteen Bowmen; and peradventure to live One Hundred Miles distant from North, to South; nor do they converse, nor well understand the Language of one another. Nor dwell they in Towns, but in straggling Plantations; often removing for the better conveniency of Hunting, for that's their general Exercise, and a great part of their Maintenance; and which also so propagates their Health, that some of them live to see their Third, and Fourth; nay their Fifth Generation.

Yet it's improbable they should ever grow numerous, because the Women destoy their Bellies with the decoction of a certain Bituminous Root, that naturally and plentifully grows every where amongst them; which Root occasions Stirility. And this ancient Custom, because practised from Generation to Generation, is so rivited into the faith of their Females; that neither Art, nor Argument can prevail upon them to relinquish this Barbarity of destroying their Bellies, till arriving at the Age of twenty seven (or thereabouts) and then they fancy to themselves that their Children (at such years) will grow most active, vigorous, and

and valient; when their best Advance is but preferment to Bowmen. So that to me this seems an odd Practice; but who shall reclame it, except otherwise *heaven* it self reduce them. Yet I'me convinc'd this Relation is true from the certainty of a worthy and honourable Person, that assured me such are their Principles (and their Native Discipline) and because conveighed from the Loins of Posterity, its received as an Oracle amongst them; by which you may guess they are somewhat Superstitious, without Idolatry: but that's remitted to the *Reader* to contemplate at leasure.

The Winter here in this southern Latitude is moderate, and short, and never exceeds one fifth of the year; and much of the temperature with our *March* in *England*; but never burdned with those Distracting Blustring Easterly Winds, that beat back the Spring, and disappoint the Laborious Husbandman. For the Setlers in *South Carolina*, viz. upon *Ashley*, & *Cooper* Rivers. &c they keep forth their Cattel all the year about, without occupying any hands to store up Winter's Provision, as those in *New-England*, and *New-York* do: but *New-Jersey*, and *Pennsilvania* must expose themselves to Expence, Trouble, and Labour under a Chargeable Toil to get in their Winter's Fodder; which if to neglect by timely industry, their Stock, and Cattel must of necessity starve. By which you may collect from the sweet, and temperate Scituations of *Carolina*, that her Inhabitants (as its certainly true) usually feed upon good and wholsom Fat Beef, in the months of *November*, *December*, and *January*. &c Nor do they slaughter it from the Crib, or Stall; because when only to drive it from the flourishing Savana's, where the Ox, and the Cow are all the year grazing

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This I should think (with other Advantages) were enough to compensate the modest Care, and Industry of the Setlers; besides the natural propensity of Love the Natives have, as if their Souls liv'd only in the bosom of the *English* by natural instinct, because when to prostrate both themselves and services to fish, and hunt their Game for a Trifle; to fall Timber, to plant Corn, and to gather in their Crop: as also to pilot, and conveigh them from one Settlement to another. So that in many respects, the simple poverty of these indigent Natives ought by the Law of Kinde (and Humanity) to be sweetned, and incouraged; if because when to consider their moral Civility, and innate Simplicity; which I hope the *English* Inhabitants in this fortunate southern Latitude will consider, & mingle with so much Discretion, and Moderation of Piety, as not to contrive them Hypocrites; fatal to the Practice of *New-England*, because when designing to convert them to *Christianity*.

Here in these parts you may expect to meet with abundance of Navigable Rivers; but of their Soundings I shall particularize more in my next: as also of their Rivulets, whose christaline streams are clear, and transparent. But their imbellished Meadows, fertil, and flourishing Savana's, are guarded with pleasant and solitary Woods: besides delicious Fields, and Pastures that direct to Admiration. Which to numerate, as also to frame a Catalogue of the various Families of Fish, and their store; whose prodigious increase here to insert, I cannot. However, some of them are *Shad*, *Sturgeon*, and *Salmon*; omitting *Whale*, which are numerous in these Seas; so is the *Seel* or *Selk*, the *Bottle-Nose*, and the *Porpus*;

Porpus; beſides many other unctous Fiſh: but the *Shark* to Admiration, wants Courage here, as indeed all other Ravenous Creatures do; for if they ſee but the Face of an Infant, they immediately fly. Another Claſſis are *Drum*, *Porgee*, *Baſs*, *Boneto*, *Dolphin*, *Albechore*, *Sheepſheads*, *Oldwives*, *Catfiſh*, *Cavalle*, *Herin*, and *Mullets* the largeſt in AMERICA. *Trout* alſo they have of two foot long, beſides the *Pike*, the *Eel*, and the *Pearch*; with ſeveral other freſh water Fiſh omitted (without conſent) in this Catalogue. And their Shell-fiſh are *Crabs*, better than thoſe in *England*; but *Lobſters* they have none that I hear of. However, *Cockles*, and *Muſſles* they have; and Banks, nay Mountains of *Oyſters* (and ſome with Pearl) that ſeem to barocade the Cricks. Beſides prodigious *Prawns*, and *Shrimps* in the brackiſh, & ſalt Waters, but *Crawfiſh* in the freſhes; which are various Entertainments, both to the Native, and fortunate Planter. But their Amphibions are *Turtle*, *Bever*, *Otters*, *Manitee*, *Alegators*, *&c.*

And their Fleſhes are *Beeves*, *Veals*, *Porks*, *Stagg*, and *Fallo Deer*, *Raccoons*, *Apoſſoms*, *Muttons*, *Lamb*, *Kid*, *Hare*, *Rabitt*, *&c.* But Ravenous Creatures are *Wolves*, *Foxes*, *Bears*, *Panthers*, *Tygres*: And their Venomous Creature is the *Rattleſnake*. Then there's Wild Fowl to Admiration; as *Signets*, *Swans*, & *Wild Turkies* of incredible weight; beſides teems of *Geeſe*, and of ſeveral ſorts. There is *Pheaſant* alſo, *Cranes*, and *Heronſhaws*; the *Woodcock*, and *Teal*, with *Snite*, *Jud*, *Poot*, *Morefowl*, *Curlue*, and Covies of *Partridges*; beſides *Plover* great ſtore, green, and grey. There alſo are *Turtle Doves*, *Feldivers*, *Sea Larks*, *Sande Levericks*, *Wadgins*,

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and *Pidgeons* numberless; besides the *Mockbird*, with diversity and variety of *Singing Birds*, and other feathered Fowl, that I cannot accompt for. Moreover, they have plenty of Dunghil Fowl, as the *Cock*, and *Hen*; the *Goose*, the *Turkey*, the *Muscovy* and *English Duck*, & *Drake*. Where also the Savana's are crowded with *Deer*, and large and stately Herds of Cattel patrole the Meadows, as Sheep the pleasant Pastures; and where every Field is repleniſh't with Corn, as are the *Gardens* in *Asia*, and *Europe* enriched with choice Stone Fruits; but *Almonds*, *Nectarines*, *Aprecot-Trees*, *Mulagatoons*, and the *Muſſlin Plumb* (the richeſt Stone Fruit in *Englaud*) With divers other Trees, as the *Bone Critton* gon, and the *Burgamy Pear*; besides *Pippin Trees*, *Pearmains*, *Golden Ruſsitins*, *Harvey*, *Lady-finger*, and *Red-ſtreak*, with various other Fruit Trees, now sent over by the Honourable *Sr Peter Colleton Bar.* one of the *Lords Proprietors*. And several Fruit Trees, Flowers, and Roots, by divers other able *Gentlemen*, and *Merchants*, that have already laid a Foundation in this southern latitude of Carolina. Which I perſwade my ſelf will in a very few years, for Agriculture, and Tillidge, vye with the Glory of the whole World.

Moreover, this beautiful *Aurora*, or the Riſing Sun of *America* (known only by the Name of *Carolina*) is already courted by almoſt every Country: where note, it begins to depopulate ſome *American Settlements*, by reaſon of thoſe Encouridgments propounded to all ſuch as ſtudiouſly ſolicit frequenting her *floridFields*. For in the firſt place, there's no Impoſition of an *Oath*. Then in the next place, there's *Toleration*, and *Liberty* for people of Tender Conſcience; besides Fifty Acres,

Acres (but it formerly was One Hundred Acres) of Free Land, pointed at by the Conſtitutions; but that Inconveniency is taken away, becauſe it hindred Community, and Society; and made the Setlers ſwell with great Plantations, when Unity and Popularity are the Nerve that combines preſervation. And Naturalization alſo is confirmed to every Individual and ſingle Perſon of any Kingdom, or Nation whatſoever (Male or Female) that tranſports him or her ſelf from any part of *Europe*; whereby they ſtand in an equal Capacity with the King of *England*'s Subjects, and enjoy the *Engliſh* Priviledges in the aforeſaid Province of *Carolina*; paying only the yearly acknowledgment of One Penny an Acre, as a Quit-Rent to the Lords Proprietors; commencing in the year One Thouſand Six Hundred and Ninety; and not before.'

Now to ſuch other *neceſſitous perſons*, as ſtand in no capacity capable to diſcharge their own Paſſage; yet is there Fifty Acres allotted unto them, notwithſtanding they come over as Servants; and their Proviſion and Accommodation the Diſpoſition and Charge of another: which proportion of Fifty Acres is ratified unto them after the expiration of the time contracted, and covenanted for by Indenture, or otherwiſe. But in caſe there be no Indenture, nor any viſible Contract; then in ſuch caſe that Servant uſually ſerves Four years, according to a Law of that Country, made practicable in all his Majeſties remote Governments, and Settlements in *America*.

And this Encouredgement enſues; that during the Service of ſuch Servant, be it Male, or Female; he or ſhe ſhall alſo be ac-

accommodated as the rest of the free people are, with decent, and convenient Clothing; and with all other things requisit, and necessary. And further to strengthen the Obligation, when their Contract expires; the Master, or the Mistriss to whom such Servant has served his time honestly (and Conscientiously) is by the Custom of the Country to have Twelve Bushels of *Indian* Corn, and a Firelock to enable him whereby to live, and defend himself, and the Country; as also to lay a Foundation for his future Maintenance: the like accommodation has every Woman-servant; save only the Fire Arms excepted.

Moreover, in their time of servitude; here is no hard Imposition put upon them, when *Satturdy* in the Afternoon is allowed them for Recreation (for Decency) and Repair of Apparel. And the *Negro Slaves* also have a share of Liberty to keep themselves, their Houses, and their Plantations sweet, and clean; because the *Lord's Day* ought not to be prophaned, nor is any Person whatever privilidged to violate the *Sabboth*. These are sovereign Rules, and wholsome Presidents, that direct towards a Religious Reformation; and if I mistake not, becomes the Duty of evety *Christian*; whose good Example of Piety and Virtue, will put a Spurr to others more remiss; and encouridge all such as seek their own future Welfare, in propagating the present Well-being of the Settlement and Setlers in *Carolina*.

But *Europe* nor the World has better Beeves, nor Sheep than what feed and graze in the Province of *Carolina*. Nor has any part on the Main of *America* greater variety of Fish, and Fowl (besides Fruits, Plants, Roots, and Druggs) so

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that nothing is wanting to compleat it happy. But leſt peradventure this Relation ſeem tedious to any, as its poſſible it may to ſome, more eſpecially to prævaricating Judgments (envious in Opinion) that would even ſubvert if poſſible the Fundamentals themſelves, and aſperſe the Country, by inſinuating their Malice into the Mouthes of Oppoſers; which would inevitably render the Colonies there but mean, and contemptible; and the truth of my Relation that alſo would they bring into ſuſpicion, whereby the *Reader* might ſuſpect the whole: for that end I thought requiſit to remonſtrate the particulars as above expreſt, to avoid all ſubtil Tricks, and Evaſions of ſuch as might otherwiſe inſence the plane; and ignorant Country-man, by telling him, *That to relinquiſh his Native Climate, would expoſe him to more Miſery abroad, than Poverty and Penury would have made him Comfortleſs at home.*

And now I proceed to tell you, that the moſt uſeful people adapted and fitted to carry on the Settlement, are Mechanicks, and Artificers of all ſorts; as Gunſmiths, Lockſmiths, Blackſmiths, Whiteſmiths, Farriers, Sadlers, Sailers, Tanners, Felmongers, Glovers, Shoemakers, Tailors, Nailors, Joyners, Coopers, Carpenters, Sawyers (*but no Lawyers*) Brickmakers, Bricklayers, Potters, Hempdreſſers, Husbandmen; and all ſuch as are skilful in Cattel, and Agriculture: beſides Floreſts, Simplers, Druggiſts, Diſtillers, Bever, Caſtor, and Feltmakers. Of another rank are Vineroons, Gardners, Silkmakers, Throſters, Darymaids, Weavers, Spinſters, Knitters, Sempſters, good Houſwives, &c. Theſe are the People that may enrich themſelves, and build up Eſtates in a ſhort time, whereby to make their Lives, and Poſterity happy; and by God's Permiſſion, for

ought I know, live long enough to enjoy them.

For the Lords Proprietors (of whose Laws and Government I'le only touch upon) have thought it so much their own Interest, and Preservation to make the people of *Carolina* as easie as possible can be consistant with any Government; and have parted with so much of their Rites, and Powers (which his *Majesty* by his Patent Royal has conferred upon them) that should it so happen they could forget their own Interest; yet is it out of their Power (meanning the Proprietors) to do the meanest Setler any wrong. For the principal Power is lodged in an Assembly; and this Assembly is called the *Grand Council*, and *Parliament*; in which the Power of the Proprietor is so cautiously ballanced by the Nobility, and Commons elected into the same (by themselves) that it would be more than difficult even in the executive part of the Government for the People thereby to receive any Detriment.

Nor is there any *Court of Justice* in *Carolina* but what has its proper Judges by themselves elected, and sitting there to dispence them Justice; in which every state and condition of the people finds redress. So that other Nations may seem to envy such Blessings, as not only to be tryed by their Peers, in point of Fact; but also in point of Law: though not intirely, yet in a sufficient number to engage the Court to a Tenderness of the state, and condition so tryed. And where as formerly by the *Concessions*, the major part of the Jury had the proper right of bringing in their Verdict; its now agreed upon, that all Juries chosen shall be grounded upon the same Basis with our English Laws; and are the same vertually in point of Justice, save only the Juries in *England* are empannell'd

nell'd by the *County Sheriff*, his Deputy, or the Clerk of the Court: but those in *Carolina* are chosen by Lot out of the Freholders, which beyond dispute is the most equal, and impartial way that wise men could have thought of.

All these, and other Rites (which are many more) guarded by the primitive unalterable Constitutions of the Country, to which every new Setler subscribes at his first arrival, if provided he approve thereof; and which by direction of one of the Fundamentals is publickly, and solemnly to be read at the opening of every *Parliament*; to fix them steadfastly in the Hearts, and Minds of all the Members, that they may do nothing in dimunition; nor contrive any Alteration of those Fundamentals, which before they approved of: to which purpose they are also numbred, that at least there may be none added, nor any embezled.

So that the *Parliament* consisting of the Proprietors, & Nobility; who are either *Landgraves*, or *Casica's*, made by collation of a certain number of privilidg'd Lands under Grant from the Lords Proprietors; having an Heriditary Right of Session in *Parliament*, as also the Representatives of the Commons elected have, that are sent to sit in Parliament. These therefore have it fully and amply in their own Brests (or any one state thereof) to hinder and prevent any thing new, or unsafe, which shall be offered to be put upon them.

And the Parliament thus qualified, and constituted out of the precedent Dignities, and Commons aforesaid; have Power to enervate bad Practices, and encouridge good Laws; to study and contemplate the Promotion and

growth of the Manufacture of the Country; to reform Ill manners, to stifle Vice, and suppress the Barbarity of ill Customs: to prohibit practice of Pleading for Reward; that neither directly, nor indirectly any Councel shall be retained by Fee, nor flattered by the hope of a Gratuity; lest peradventure Law Suits be made chargeable, and vexatious; or a false Gloss imposed upon the Text, whereby to pervert a good Cause by privious and foreign Interpretation; or insinuate a bad one, by prepostrous and delatory Interrogations.

These are some of the soveraign Privilidges of *Carolina*, whose Grandees to illustrate, I shall only superscribe the Lords Proprietors first; then the successive Dignities, those of the *Land-Graves*; after them the *Casica's*, or *Baronies*; which with the precedent Dignities are the Hereditary Nobility of *Carolina*, and are of the Council, and Parliaments; and are *Delegates*, *Majestrates*, and *publick Ministers of State*.

These are the peculiar Dignities that stand in the prospect of CAROLINA, whose Estates are all intail'd upon Hiers Male; but for want of such, upon Hiers Female; and when to consider they are destitute of both; then in such case its established upon Heirs general. But presupposing there be no general Hier, then such Estate devolves to the *Lords Proprietors*; and the reason is, because these Dignities from the greater to the lesser are in a Capacity to be made Proprietors themselves: for when a *Lord Proprietor* dyes without Issue, or as it may happen without a general Hier; then in such case out of the inferiour Dignities, a *Lord Proprietor*

tor (by the Fundamental Conſtitutions) is alwayes elected.

But Fortune (ſome will object) *made not all men of one pitch nor has ſhe rank't every man in one ſtation; nor preſcribes ſhe to every man a Co-equality in degree anſwerable to the precedent Qualifications; what then, becauſe we are not all Lords, muſt we therefore be denyed the benefit of the Conceſsions.* No ſurely, any man may better inform himſelf, if when to conſult the KINGS Royal Grant to the Lords Proprietors; which explains to every Subject an inherent Propriety, and Birthright intail'd upon him; to which the Fundamental Conſtitutions agree: and where its well enough explain'd without Fraud, and Ambiguity; that the Electors, and Setlers in *Carolina*, are by vertue of his Majeſty's Royal Grant made capable according to the Tenour, and Soccage of *East-Greenwich* in *Kent*; which enables them thereby to give, bequeath, alien, intitle, or diſpoſe of all, or any part of Lands, Goods, Chattels, and Heriditaments; when, and where, and to whom they pleaſe.

Another Branch of the Government is, that a general Liberty for people of tender Conſcience be alwayes tolerated without exception, or limitation. And the rather to ſtrengthen the nerve of this Toleration, the Lords Proprietors have confirm'd it in their Fundamentals: and where further Proviſion is alſo made, *That no man Compel another to his Worſhip*: nor gives it encouragement that any man double his own Faith whereby to digeſt the Formalities of a foreign Profeſſion.

Where note, all Civil and Religious Rites are granted without prohibition to all People, Nations, and Languages whatever profeſſing Piety, Vertue, and the Chriſtian Religion;

gion; to own One God (or Supream Being) the Maker of Heaven, and Earth; and that Jesus Christ, the ever-living Son of God, is the divine Saviour of Mankind, and the World. So that as the Fundamentals have cautiously provided for a Pious, & Christian Profession; they have also made provision that no Professor give another Interruption; so that they have ballanced their Clemency as equally as they could, whereby to dispence to all alike.

And where the Form (out of an implicit Faith) it zealously adorated, presupposing it Life; whereby the Venerator consolates himself by the Contemplation of so dark a Vision; yet so great is the Charity, and Law of the *Concessions* in such case, that the Peaceable Professor of this different Perswasion, may use it as an Argument to defend his Confession; so that when to satisfie himself with his own Approbation, it matters not though probably indispencible with another man's Opinion.

And to these Privilidges of a pious Profession, the *Concessions* themselves are Arguments, and Inducements strong enough to encourage the modest, and sober Professor, whose Faith if it stand firm on the Basis of Scripture; or if framed by the Principles of moral Precepts; the good presidents of such as practise Self-denyal; the Oracles and Inspiration of the holy men of God; as the Apostles, the Patriarchs, and the Prophets, whose sublime Speculation surmounted the glittering Orbs, to the beautiful seraphick society of Angels, where the Divinest dwells; who also dwells in the Hearts of Believers, to dismember and break down the Monarchy of Sin: which glorious Victory gives us Triumph over Death, and leads Captivity captive. These are sacred Priviliges

vilidges, and the Warfare of the Saints; and ought to be the Conteſt of every pious Profeſſor, who has freedom to profeſs as granted by the Conceſſions; but withal, that he interrupt not another at the time of Devotion, as he himſelf would not be interrupted; which if any does, he lies liable to Reproof, and the Penalties already laid down in the Conceſſions.

And this I admoniſh by way of Advice; that whoſoever premeditates tranſportation to *Carolina*: that he or ſhe if in the City (or the Suburbs) addreſs him or her ſelf to the *Carolina Coffe-houſe*, in *Birchin-lane*, *London*; there they may be entertained, or adviſed by ſome worthy and intelligeable Gentlemen, that will point out to them the illuſtrous Path to this ſalubrious Settlement: where the Rivers, and Rivulets, together with pleaſant Paſtures, and ſhady Savana's, moſt generouſly refreſh the Setlers. And beſides the comfortable iſſues of Health, they may alſo expect from thence Prolongation of Life (as by obſervation upon the Native) becauſe when to conſider the florid temperament of this ſouthern latitude, deſtinated to ſanity, by reaſon of an equality of Heat, and Cold ſo contempered together; that neither predominates.

And what if it be objected *I have publiſhed a Deſcription of a Country whereof hitherto I have only inſpected by Relation, without occular Proof.* Yet ſo great is my Credit, and Reputation for thoſe worthy Gentlemen that uſhred it to me, as my faith confirms me that *Jeruſalem*'s in *Paleſtine*. Where note, I recommend this Relation as the lively Emblem (and Character) as well as I can draw it of the now inhabited, and flouriſhing *Carolina*, the moſt hopeful Settlment the King of *England*

England has in *America*: which ſhort Proſpect may ſomewhat leſſen the Glory of ſo famous a Country, that may write it ſelf inferiour to none on the Continent; if when to conſider her minority, and the ſmall contingent Charge wherewith to lay a Foundation.

Advice to Carolina.

Gentlemen;

THE fundamental Being, and Well-being of all good and wholſom Government, depends meerly upon the Providence of God; to which when ſubjoyned the Piety of the Magiſtrate, it admits of a double Duty; to God firſt, then to the Magiſtrate, under whoſe Government we propound, and expect peaceably to live, and enjoy the Bleſſing of Liberty; which Liberty conſiſts in the propriety of what God in his Wiſdom intails upon Poſterity, and intitles the inherent Birthright of every man born into the World; which hereafter I ſhall endeavour to explain, and the rather becauſe none amongſt you ſhall pretend to that implicit Plea of Ignorance.

Give me leave therefore to advice you to conſider the Footſteps of Age, that invades our preſtine flouriſhing Youth, whereby we cannot with vigour (and agillity of Body) perform that in act, and power; which in Youth we accompliſh't almoſt as ſoon as projected. But thoſe Defects are ſupplied by ſober, and moderate advice of Councel; and the

theScriptures tell us, *that in the multitude of Counſel there is ſafety*; yet not that I think my ſelf worthy to advice you, though peradventure the Characters of Age have ſuperſcribed a legible date; and time if I miſtake not has ſuperannuated this mortal Fabrick, whereby what I intended to have told you by word of Mouth, conſtrains me now to commit that to paper; leſt retention of the one part, deprive you the opportunity of the other.

Inaſmuch therefore as every ſingle Subject is, or ought to be a Ruler, or Governour over his own Domeſticks; more properly ſuch is he that ſtands in a publick Capacity; and ſuch is the Majeſtrate, who by the Law of Religion, and Juſtice is bound in principles of Honour, and Conſcience to ſacrifice his Eſtate, and if need require his Life too, for the good of his Country: for that end, we ought to conſider thoſe proper and adequate mediums that intitle us to theſe ſupereminent Privilidges, which as *Engliſh men* we claim: and then to ruminate and contemplate ſuch pious Means, and Endeavours by the Law of Vertue, and Chriſtianity, as are moſt requiſit, whereby to accompliſh them. On the other hand, omitting to challenge them, they by little and little will dwindle away, ſo in proceſs of time ſeem leſs; and at laſt become totally obliterated, that the future Generations will not know them to be.

No man therefore in my Opinion is born only to gratifie himſelf, but is made in one capacity or other inſtrumental to ſerve the Country wherein he inhabits. The Piety whereof if ſeriouſly to conſider, as a *gnomen* directs the Patient to its proper Agent. And ſince Ends, and Beginnings have a like fate, and period. The appropriated ends there-

fore! and the beginings of our Blessings spring properly and spontaneously from pious indications; which assigns it a Duty to our divine Creator. Then to express our Loyalty without Hypocrisie to our Soveraign Lord the KING, as also our Fidelity to the *Lords Proprietors*; when because to intail upon us (and Posterity) the flourishing Fruits of an Inheritance in *Carolina*; which we may as naturally and properly expect, as the ends of the Creation predestinates Life the glorious Prospect, and surveigh of the Creature.

And *Gentlemen*, since so great and sacred are the Ends of *Government*, & the Priviledges of *Parliaments* as sacred, wherein every Member, and Delegate thereof is permitted to speak, and freely to speak without hesitancy what he in himself shall honourably think in reference to the good, and welfare of his Country whereof he himself is a Member. I exhort you therefore as *English men* to *challenge* to your selves this Native Privilidge, and the rather because when to consider your loyal Qualifications to such inherent Rites, which all *English men* in *Carolina* naturally have, and are freely born there to; or if otherwise, they arive from foreign Ports, and not those of *Great Brittain*, yet they equally stand in the prospect of this Blessing, though modestly to think themselves in the remotest capacity.

And this royal Privilidge naturally springs from a Prerogative Grant of our gracious Prince, as in the *Patent*; and not only to the *English*-born in *England*, but such others also as fall in with the *Concessions* of *Carolina*. For you are to consider that in his Majesty's Charter or Royal Grant to the *Lords Proprietors*, the *King* there makes no distinction betwixt those his native Subjects born in *England*; and those others implanted and born in *America*. And as there can be no *inter*

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Regnum in Kingship, so the *Lords Proprietors* have provided in the *Fundamentals*, and upon serious consideration the *Council* and *Parliament* have resolved, *That no man be disinherited his Birthright, except his Offence exceed the limit of a Pardon.* And because this Privilidge shines from the Prince himself, the more it confirms and strengthens the Obligation; except to disloyal, and superlative ingrates and others, whose perfidy detects their fidelity, and would nourish themselves with Infamy; were not such deprived the natural encouridgment of the Country.

Now peradventure some such Antichristian Runagado's of Religion and Loyalty, tacitly recide conceal'd amongst you; meaning Ptetenders to Sanctity who shelter, and hide themselves under the Government, till opportunity presents to display their more infamons Lives. Such Loyalty hangs meerly on the Slit of a Pen, and the best of their Religion stands on the Tip of their Tongues. These men therefore when discovered, its not amiss I think that all such Hereticks of the Weal Publick be expunged all vertuous Society. So that if when discountenanced by the Majestrate, and the well-meaning Planter; their Hypocrisie will make but a slender progress, and get as small growth in the Colonys of *Carolina*, as the boasting *Roman* thought to gain Honour from the *Senators* of *Rome*, when to magnifie his own illustrous Extraction; and decry *Cicero's*, because to spring from the shrubs of a Cottage. Now its true, every thing must have a begining; and *Carolina* though but now in the blossom, yet she may live to bring forth more *Cicero's*, than boasting *Thraso's*; and in-time grow up to such compleat maturity, that her Prosperity will be emulated by those on the Continent.

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Where note *Gentlemen*, you are to consider, that as the King's Royal Grant gave Birth to *Carolina*; so it gives Power to the *Lords Proprietors* to make what suitable provision they themselves think fit whereby to conduct, & improve the Province. Which rightly to interpret; the *Lords Proprietors* have already given demonstration of their good endeavours in setling the Colonys there; which appropriates a double obligation, if the people wise enough to improve it; and I hope they will, otherwise they forfeit their Gratitude to their Prince; and their Reputation if any to the generous intention of the *Lords Proprietors*.

And *Gentlemen*, as the *Lords Proprietors* have unanimously corresponded to settle this Province of *Carolina*; so by the *Constitutions* they do promise the Planters to establish such good, and wholsom Laws amongst them; whereby the *Government*, as the People, may be blest. Which if answered by the Careful Industry of the Planter; the issue may alike prove profitable: and the rather if they propose to proceed upon *Wines*, *Oyles*, *Smyrna Cotten*, *Rice*, and *Indego*; as already begun upon. And as *Silk*, *Almonds*, *Dates*, *Currans*, *Rasins*, *Sena*, *Jessemy*, and *Rubarb* are intended. But the Province naturally produces the *China Root*, *Sassafras*, *Sassaperilla*, *Snakeweed*, and that famous Vegetable called *Calubria* (in whose seedy Pod the *Coochenial Fly* germinates) is already transported, and thrives beyond Report. Besides which, there are many and various other profitable *Plants*, *Druggs*, and *Roots* designed the ensuing progress of some of the principal *Projectors*; which in due time may fall in with the reason of the people in general, to make them more Rich, and Happy; than otherwise their present Prospect directs

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to: which to inspect, its necessary they consult the natural propensity of the Soil, whereby to enable the *Planter*, if solicitous after the Profits.

But *Gentlemen*, whereas one material circumstance was omitted in the *Present State of Carolina*; I thought requisit and necessary to insert it in the *Advice*; and that is, *whereas the present Lords Proprietors of* Corolina *out of a singular tenderness to encourage the people coming on, as also the Planter already setled there, have ratified, and confirmed fifty Acres of Land to be estated for ever upon every individual Setler, or Setlers; he or they paying only one penny an Acre as a Quit Rent to the Lords Proprietors after two years time; So out of a serious and judicial consideration, and respect to the Setler, and others intending to settle there; the said Lords Proprietors have agreed among themselves, that whosoever sets down as a Setler in* Carolina *may contract with them here to become purchasers, at the rate of five Pounds Sterling for one hundred Acres; and so to take up as much as they please, and stand acquitted forever of any Quit Rent, by the bare acknowledgment only of a* Pepper Corn (*or* one Grane of Indian Corn) *once a year, if when thereto required.*

So that *Gentlemen*, if you stand obleiged in more than a single capacity, in a double acknowledgement you ought to answer it; and the Expedient will hardly prove grevious; for if when to consider that the *Lords Proprietors* acquire only the reading the *Fundamental Constitutions* at the *general Cession*, or opening of every *Parliament*; the reason you are to consider is, *That the Laws being read, and made publick; the Interpretation thereof will appear the more easie.* And often to imprint them in the minds of the people, their frequent and constant use will insinuate into the Ignorant. Otherwise, how can he be said to sin, that never transgrest: nor can that People

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manifest Transgressors, where there is no known Law or

The *Fundamental Constitutions* therefore being to be read at the opening of every Parliament, it is my Advice *Gentlemen* that you observe that Discharge, That his *Majesty's Royal Grant be also previously read before the Constitutions*; and the rather, because to furnish every Magistrate, and other inferiour Officer with Arguments to cultivate the Prejudicate (if any) and such Emulations of Nature as study to arrest, and would if possible subvert the *Fundamentals* themselves. Moreover, it withstrengthen the Nerve of Unity, and Friendship of such as labour to promote the Prosperity of *Carolina*; and suppress the Endeavours of malicious Agents, that would stifle if possible the Welfare of the Settlement. So that as the terme of this Formality nothing in it self degenerates from Loyalty, the Clemency, and Benignity of your Prince were a Sin to suspect: consequently an Evil unpardonable to dought the Honourable Intention of the *Lords Proprietors*.

The residue *Gentlemen* are only some indigested Particulars that poine to the Growth, Conveniency, and Manufacture of the Country, the Regularity of Living, and Reformation of Life, the Medium for Manners, and the good and happy issues of Prosperity to the Settlement, and its long Duration. The Incorporating of Towns, and enabling them with such soveraign and wholsome Laws, and Priviledges as may neither hurt the Planter, nor terrifie the Countryman, nor raise ambitious hopes in Artizan or Cirizen to swell Corporations with unbounded Charters, that may bring an inconeniency upon the bordering Colonies.

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are of absolute Necessity; where note, every man of Ability ought to endeavour it. And such also as cultivate and labour the Ground for encrease of *English* Grain, deserves a signal Encouragment. The building of Ships, and other Vessels for Transportation: and erecting Bridges for Horses, Carts, and Carridges, are also worthy your serious consideration. So to lay out large, and regular High Wayes, and to raise formidable, and durable Fortifications, with many other requisit Circumstances, and Conveniences merit a respect. But these will fall in course, and are more properly transmitted to the mature Gravity, and deliberate Consideration both of *Council*, and *Parliament*, so draw on to a Conclusion.

But I hope *Gentlemen*, you'l excuse my Brevity (and my Errors too, when you meet them) its true, I present you but with a short prospect of so glorious a Country, that beyond dispute is inferiour to none on the Continent. And truly such were my Cautions, as cautiously kept me close to the truth of discovery; which has been handed to me by several good, and worthy *Gentlemen*; but principally from a Person of Honour, and Quality (a Setler amongst them) whose generous nature, and freedom to discourse the Country (and furnish me with all or most of his Discoveries) deserves a Recompence beyond my Acknowledgements: which with Gratitude I would readily publish to the World, but his Commands obleidge me tacitly to conceal him.

Now *Gentlemen*, I shall leave you but one Caution more, (the rest I'le huddle in silence) and that is, to be cautious of your selves, whereby to think no dishonourable Thought; for I reckon it a Maxim in Philosophy, and I'me sure its within

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There is one Mr. *Nathan Sumers* Engineer for *Carolina*, that hath undertaken [by a new Engin of his own] with the *Lords Proprietors*, and others, to fell, [illegible] and clear the Ground to fit it for Cultivation at 12d. a Tree, if not exceeding 6. foot diameter; and for 6d. a Tree from one foot to more than 5 inches diameter. And those the said *Proprietors* have contracted with the said *Sumers*, to secure to him and his Heirs the sole use, and benefit of the said Invention for 14 years, as certify'd.

Omissions and Errata's.

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